

Revolution Gathering

Week 4: Grow In Grace!

This Week's Scripture Reading: Hebrews 5-13, James 1-5, 1 Peter 1-2 and Psalms 27-33

Four Things We See From Hebrews 6:1-12. . . A Chiding, A Warning, A Teaching, And A Set Of Step By Step Instructions.

Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV)

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ² instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And God permitting, we will do so.

Elementary Teachings About Christ:

- Repentance From Acts That Lead To Death, And Of Faith In God
- Instructions About Baptisms (Water Baptism and Spirit Baptism)
- The Laying On Of Hands (Prayer And Ordaining)
- The Resurrection Of The Dead And Eternal Judgment

Questions:

- How Do You Think The Hebrews Felt After Believing They Had It All Together, Only To Have The Writer Pull The Rug Out From Underneath Them?
- Since We've Been Dealing Specifically With These Same Truths And Realizing Our Difficulty To Understand Them . . . What Does That Say About The Current State Of Spiritual Maturity Within The Modern Church?
- How Do You Feel When You Think Of All The Time You Have Personally Spent In The Church, Only To Still Be Lacking In The Most Elementary Truths Of Christianity?

Hebrews 6:4-6 (NIV)

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, ⁶ if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Questions:

- How Is It Possible For Those Who Have Received Genuine Salvation “By Grace Through Faith” To “Fall Away” And Then Begin To Believe In A Salvation That Is By Good Works?
- Why Is There No Hope For Someone Who “Falls Away From Grace”?

Hebrews 6:7-8 (NIV)

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸ But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

Questions:

- If Good Works Don't Get You To Heaven, Why Are We Then Challenged To Produce A Crop To Receive God's Blessing?
- Are These “Blessings” We Receive From The Production Of Crops Salvation Or Rewards? Explain.
- In The Juxtaposition Between The Land That Produces Crops That Are Useful Versus Crops Of Thorns And Thistles, Which Would Be Classified As Good Works And Which Would Be Classified As God Works?
- What Is It That Makes The Crops Farmed For God Blessed?

Hebrews 6:9 (NIV)

Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case--things that accompany salvation.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

God Works Are Expected From Those Who Are Saved.**Questions:**

- Do Good Works Save You Or Do Good Works Follow You Because You Have Been Saved By God's Grace?
- What Is It That Enables True Believers To Do God Works Instead Of Good Works?
- Read These Two Scriptures; 1 Cor 15:56 and Titus 2:11-12, Then Compare And Contrast What The Law Empowers Versus What The Grace Of God Empowers.

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Questions:

- According To This Passage, What Is The "Work" God Will Not Forget?
- Who Are "His" People; The Believer, The Lost, Or All People On Earth?
- Do You Believe The "Work" Communicated In This Passage Could Be Fulfilled By Following Jesus' Great Command And His Great Commission?

Hebrews 6:11-12 (NIV)

We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

- Be Diligent
- Be Confident
- Do Not Become Lazy
- Imitate The Faithful And Patient

Questions:

- From The Steps Listed In This Passage; Be Diligent, Be Confident, Do Not Become Lazy, Imitate The Faithful And Patient, Which One Are You Doing Well With, And Which One Do You Need The Most Work?

Truth Statement:

The Only Way To Ever Become Spiritually Mature Is By Accepting God's Grace Through Faith And Then Fulfilling His Call Upon Your Life.

Next Week's Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3 - 5, 2 Peter 1 - 3, 1 John 1 - 5, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelations 1 - 3 and Psalms 34 - 40